

CARR-1281

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1866

Deer Park

private

The original Trinity Lutheran Church was built in 1866 and is a classic country church design. It is a one-story frame structure with a gable front main facade. Architectural focus is provided by the large arched double door entrance framed by plain pilasters with a bracketed cornice and by the open bell tower with a pyramid roof. While the original church is not used today for regular worship services, it retains its original interior and exterior architectural characteristics. The site also includes a frame Social Hall with T-shaped plan and a modern 1955 brick church. The congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church also preserves a significant Carroll County cultural tradition -- the Annual Dutch Picnic (see CARR-28).

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Trinity Lutheran Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 833 Deer Park Road not for publication

city, town Smallwood X vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u>X</u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church

street & number 833 Deer Park Road telephone no.: 848-8923

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland 21157

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY: The original Trinity Lutheran Church was built in 1866 and is a classic country church design. It is a one-story frame structure 28' x 36' with a gable-front main facade. Architectural focus is provided by the large arched double door entrance framed by plain pilasters with a bracketed cornice and by an open bell tower with a pyramid roof. In the gable is a plain wooden board painted with the words, "Trinity Lutheran Church." Also on the site is a T-shaped frame social hall and a 1955 brick church.

DESCRIPTION: The original Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the north side of Deer Park Road, approximately one-half mile east of Smallwood. This location is the site of the Annual Dutch Picnic (CARR-28) and also contains a frame Social Hall on the west side of the church, and a modern brick church built in 1955 on the south side of Deer Park Road.

The original church was built in 1866 on land donated by George Bitzel for the formation of Trinity Lutheran Church. The congregation built a one story frame structure 28' by 36' covered in weatherboard on a fieldstone foundation. The building has a rectangular plan, one-bay by three-bays with a gable front main facade. Architectural focus is provided by the large arched double-door entrance framed by plain pilasters with a bracketed corner and by an open bell-tower with a pyramid roof. The three bay sides of the church has two over two sash windows with lowered shutters. interior has a paneled gallery across the rear and a small alter rail with turned balluster.

The Social Hall is a one-story, T-shaped frame structure covered with weather bond on a fieldstone foundation. While plain in appearance, the interior has a wooden cornice with a dentil molding. The rear wing contains a kitchen facility. Both frame buildings are infrequently used, having been replaced by the 1955 brick church.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SUMMARY: Trinity Lutheran Church was organized February 9, 1866. The church building was built in 1866 on land donated by George Bitzel. While the original church is not used today for regular worship services, it retains its original interior and exterior architectural characteristics and thus preserves a classic church design from the mid 19th century. The congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church also preserves a significant Carroll County cultural tradition, the Annual Dutch Picnic. (See IRR-28).

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-1281

110th Annual Dutch Picnic Program Trinity Lutheran Church August 2, 1986

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Westminster

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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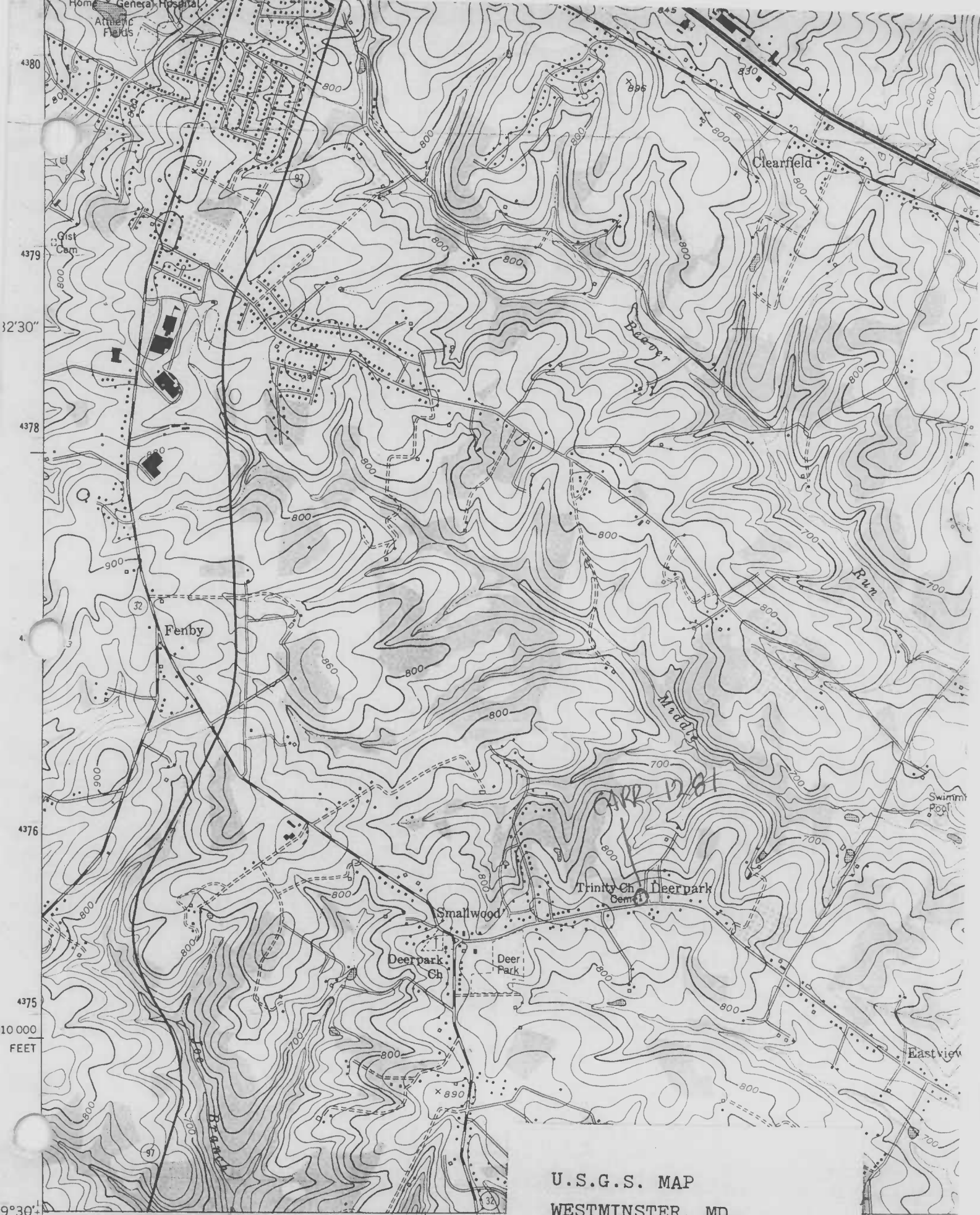
11. Form Prepared By

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WESTMINSTER, MD.
1:24000 SCALE

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2. Carroll County, Md.
3. Joe Getty
4. August 1986
5. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. S & W elev. (camera facing ne)
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